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Carter Would Put A-Plants Underground

Rye, N.H., Aug. 6 (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter believes that nuclear power plants should be built underground and their designs standardized to insure public confidence, according to an interview made public today.

Carter, who already has said that nuclear power should be a last resort in national energy planning, said in the interview that the federal government has a responsibility to guarantee the safety of plants.

He said this could be done in part by locating plants "where people don't live; where the environment will not be destroyed, (and) with the reactor core beneath the ground level where the building is tightly sealed."

Circumstances of Remarks

Carter made the remarks in an exchange with a private film maker after a rally Tuesday in downtown Manchester. A tape recording of the questions and answers was released today by the Clamshell Alliance, a group opposing construction of a \$1.6 billion nuclear-powered generating station at Seabrook.

Carter, who was a nuclear engineer for the Navy, said that a standardization of the design of reactors would "make sure the people can have confidence in the safety of nuclear power plants."

The White House announced, meanwhile that CIA Director George Bush will provide a second foreign policy and security briefing to Carter next Thursday. Bush will travel to Carter's home in Plains, Ga.